

REMARKS

Claims 9-18 remain pending in the present application. The claims have not been amended in response to this Office Action.

PRIORITY

The claim of priority has been corrected to include U.S. Serial No. 08/649,306.

SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to reflect the priority change and enclosed is an application data sheet reflecting this change.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 9-12 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Onoue et al. (6,428,732: figures 1-13; column 5, lines 57-67). Onoue et al. filed on June 9, 1999 based on a Japanese application filed June 9, 1998. The priority of the present application has been corrected to reflect a U.S. priority date of May 17, 1996 and a foreign priority date of April 18, 1991 and May 19, 1995. Thus, applicant believes that Onoue et al. no longer qualifies as a 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) reference.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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